

**TO: Task Force Members**

**FROM: Loly Espino, Chair, CSOP Advisory Team**

**RE: Team Recommendations to the Task Force on Alternative 5**

**DATE: November 23, 2005**

The CSOP Advisory Team has conducted 22 meetings since December, 2003 for the purpose of providing the Task Force with consensus recommendations concerning the CSOP. In April, 2004, the Team agreed on its performance expectations which the Task Force reviewed in May, 2004 and which served as a guide to the Corps and the Project Development Team as it designed a sequence of 5 model runs, including 58 sensitivity runs on Alternative 4, leading to the Alternative 5 model.

The Team acknowledges the Corps' efforts to address the CSOP Advisory Team's direction preceding and following the Alternatives modeling. While progress has been made, the Team is concerned that the results of Alternative 5 falls short of its performance expectations. The Team in its September 29-30 and October 13-14th meetings identified several key areas of concern that remain unresolved by Alternative 5. The Team, with the assistance of its Expert Panel, has provided the following consensus recommendations to Task Force that it believes will help to improve Alternative 5 performance in these key areas.

Additionally, the CSOP Advisory Team unanimously requests that the Task Force reconvene the Team to review modeling results and the Tentatively Selected Plan in order to continue to provide consensus recommendations to the Task Force on the CSOP.